

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

The department would like to incorporate by reference fishery management plans for black bass and Spanish mackerel.

Incorporation by reference (IBR) is a legal device by which one document is made a part of another simply by referring to it. The text of the referenced document, once incorporated by reference, becomes fully and legally a part of the document into which it is incorporated. Fishery management plans guide the department in conservation and management measures for the fishery.

1) Black Bass

The Black Bass Fishery Management Plan was signed and became effective in 2016. It describes the process by which fishery management is guided for largemouth bass in tidal rivers of Chesapeake Bay. This plan underwent internal and external public review, including review by the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission.

2) Spanish Mackerel

The Chesapeake and Atlantic Coast King and Spanish Mackerel Fishery Management Plan was completed in 1994. The plan was inadvertently left off of the list when the other plans were incorporated.